

REMARKS:

Claims 1-32 and 34-38 are pending in the present application.

The indication, on page 2 of the Office Action, that claims 1-32 and 34-38 are allowed, is noted with appreciation.

The Office Action indicates that claims 33 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. However, by this Amendment, claims 33 and 39 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection of claims 33 and 39 is considered moot.

Since only allowed claims 1-32 and 34-38 remain pending in the present application, the present application is considered to be in condition for allowance.

It should be noted that claims 33 and 39 have been cancelled merely to allow the present application to advance to allowance. The cancellation of claims 33 and 39 is not necessarily an acquiescence to the rejection of claims 33 and 39. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and other claims, including broader claims, in this or another application.

The indication by the Examiner that the drawings are approved is noted with appreciation.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No fees are presently due. However, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 502806**. If an extension of time is required for allowing this Amendment to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to **Deposit Account No. 502806**.

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